oil from Bombay High in 1996-97 and 1997-98;

(d) whether any alternate sites have been located to offset such losses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALU): (a) and (b) The Bombay High oil fields has shown declining trend in production during 1996-97 due to unexpected reservoir behavior not in conformity with earlier predictions.

(c) The production from Bombay High field during 1996-97 and 1997-98 is expected to be around 12 MMT & 10.8 MMT respectively.

(d) and (e) In order to check the decline in production, Government has sanctioned development schemes of new fields B-173-A and Phase-III of Heera oil field in the Western Offshore. Further, as a result of exploration efforts, during the last five years, 37 new oil discoveries have been made in the States of Assam, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu and in Eastern and Western Offshore. These locations are at various stages of assessement, delineation and development.

Loss of Tanker days due to non-requisition of Berths

1418. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tanker days lost at various ports in the country because of non-requisition of berths by the oil companies;

(b) what is the estimated amount of demurrage paid annually by the oil companies for non-availability of berths;

(c) whether congession of oil tankers at the ports is because of unplanned imports and lack of infrastructural facilities deployed by the oil companies for storage and transporation of oil from the ports; and

(d) if so, what meaures are contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Thermal Power Stations in Maharashtra

1419. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of thermal power stations in Maharashtra as on date which are producing power;

(b) the total power being generated by each of these power stations with details of the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether these power stations are producing power to their full capacity; and

(d) if not, what steps Government have taken to ensure full capacity utilisation by these power stations in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) (a) to (c) The required details of thermal power stations in Maharashtra during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in Annexure. *[See Appendix 179, annexure no. 31]*

(d) Various measures being taken for optimum utilisation of installed capacity include Renovation & Modernisation of old units, following paper preventive maintenance schedule, periodical overhauling of equipments, supply of required quantity and quality of coal, strengthening of Transmission & Distribution system, etc.